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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67078

Hisato NAGASE, et al. ✓

Appln. No.: 09/987,082 ✓

Group Art Unit: 1774 ✓

Confirmation No.: 6582

Examiner: Bruce H. Hess ✓

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For: HEAT-SENSITIVE RECORDING MATERIAL ✓

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2003.

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Review and reconsideration of the claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

Preliminary Matters

Applicants appreciate that, on the Office Action Summary sheet, the Examiner has acknowledged receipt of a certified copy of the priority document.

Applicants also appreciate that the Examiner has returned an initialed and signed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) submitted on February 4, 2002. However, Applicants point out that this Form was actually submitted in the co-pending Application No. 09/987,081, and kindly request that the properly corresponding initialed Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified)